

WAYZATA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Independent School District 284
Wayzata, Minnesota

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Work Session - April 27, 2009 - 4:00 PM
District Administration Building, 210 County Rd. 101 N., Plymouth, MN

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VISION

A model of excellence among learning communities

MISSION

The mission of the Wayzata School District is to prepare all students for the future by providing a challenging education which builds academic competence, develops responsible citizenship, encourages creativity, promotes lifelong learning, advances critical thinking skills, instills a commitment to personal wellness, and fosters respect for self and others.

District Directions for 2008-2010

To ensure high achievement on the part of each student and to realize our vision, the district's directions for 2008-2010 are:

- *Provide a more personalized education for each student.*
- *Eliminate the predictability of student achievement based on race.*
- *Provide opportunities for students to engage in global connections.*
- *Prepare students in skills that they will need to function effectively in the future including creative thinking, diplomacy, problem solving and teamwork.*
- *Enhance the sense of ownership and engagement in the district by all segments of the community.*

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AGENDA ITEM: 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

COMMENTS BY: Board Chair Moroz

	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Ms. Linda A. Cohen	_____	_____
Ms. Susan J. Droegemueller	_____	_____
Ms. Patricia L. Gleason	_____	_____
Mr. Jay A. Hesby	_____	_____
Mr. John A. Moroz	_____	_____
Ms. Carter G. Peterson	_____	_____
Mr. Greg D. Rye	_____	_____
Dr. Chace B. Anderson, Ex Officio	_____	_____

Decision Resources, Ltd.
 3128 Dean Court
 Minneapolis, Minnesota 55416

Wayzata Public Schools
 RESIDENTIAL SURVEY
 FINAL MARCH 2009

Hello, I'm _____ of Decision Resources, Ltd., a national survey research firm located in Minneapolis. We are speaking with a random sample of residents about issues facing the school system. Even if you do not have children currently in the schools, the Wayzata Public School District is interested in your opinions and suggestions. I want to assure you that all individual responses will be held strictly confidential; only summaries of the entire sample will be reported.

1. Approximately, how many years have you lived in the Wayzata School District?

LESS THAN TWO YEARS....	4%
TWO TO FIVE YEARS.....	9%
5.1 TO TEN YEARS.....	19%
10.1 TO TWENTY YRS....	30%
20.1 TO THIRTY YRS....	21%
OVER THIRTY YEARS.....	19%
REFUSED.....	0%

2. How much did you consider the quality of public education in your decision to move to the area -- a lot, some, a little, or none at all?

A LOT.....	35%
SOME.....	25%
A LITTLE.....	7%
NONE AT ALL.....	33%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....	0%

3. Would you say your household is better off financially, worse off, or about the same as compared to one year ago?

BETTER OFF.....	10%
WORSE OFF.....	30%
ABOUT THE SAME.....	60%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....	0%

4. How would you rate the quality of education provided by the District's Public Schools -- excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

EXCELLENT.....	44%
GOOD.....	43%
ONLY FAIR.....	5%
POOR.....	0%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....	9%

5. From what you have heard or seen, what do you like most about Wayzata Public School District?

UNSURE, 12%; NOTHING, 2%; EXCELLENT ACADEMICS, 11%; TEACHERS, 23%; HIGH TEST SCORES, 5%; SMALL CLASS SIZES, 2%; BROAD CURRICULUM, 14%; GOOD ACADEMICS, 7%; HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION, 11%; GOOD COMMUNICATIONS, 4%; GOOD COLLEGE PREP, 4%; SPORTS, 3%; SCATTERED, 3%.

6. And, from what you have heard or seen, what do you like least about the Wayzata Public School District?

UNSURE, 15%; NOTHING, 43%; MATH CURRICULUM, 2%; HIGH SCHOOL IS TOO BIG, 11%; LARGE CLASS SIZES, 8%; LACK OF DISCIPLINE, 2%; POOR SPENDING, 12%; GROWING DIVERSITY, 2%; ELITISM, 2%; UNHEALTHY FOOD, 2%; SCATTERED, 2%.

I would like to read you a short list of statements others have told us. For each one, please tell me whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree. If you don't know, just say so.

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| 7. During the last several years, Wayzata Public Schools' Administration and School Board have spent tax money effectively and efficiently. | STRONGLY AGREE.....4%
AGREE.....50%
DISAGREE.....16%
STRONGLY DISAGREE.....1%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED....30% |
| 8. When the Wayzata Public Schools ask voters to approve a referendum, it is only as a last resort after the Administration and School Board have considered all other budget alternatives. | STRONGLY AGREE.....2%
AGREE.....53%
DISAGREE.....18%
STRONGLY DISAGREE.....1%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED....27% |
| 9. I trust the Wayzata Public School Board and Administration to do what is right for children in this district. | STRONGLY AGREE.....11%
AGREE.....73%
DISAGREE.....9%
STRONGLY DISAGREE.....0%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....8% |
| 10. The Wayzata Public Schools' Board and Administration spent past technology and operating levy referendum funds responsibly. | STRONGLY AGREE.....2%
AGREE.....53%
DISAGREE.....11%
STRONGLY DISAGREE.....1%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED....34% |
| 11. Our community receives a good value from its investment in local public schools. | STRONGLY AGREE.....11%
AGREE.....72%
DISAGREE.....10%
STRONGLY DISAGREE.....0%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....7% |

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| 12. | The Wayzata Public Schools demonstrate accountability for the quality of education provided to their students. | STRONGLY AGREE.....7%
AGREE.....61%
DISAGREE.....10%
STRONGLY DISAGREE.....0%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED....23% |
| 13. | The Wayzata Public School Board and Administration do a good job of involving community leaders, parents, and interested citizens in decisions about the schools. | STRONGLY AGREE.....5%
AGREE.....68%
DISAGREE.....11%
STRONGLY DISAGREE.....2%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED....14% |
| 14. | The Wayzata Public Schools are a good investment and I would support a referendum to protect that investment. | STRONGLY AGREE.....7%
AGREE.....53%
DISAGREE.....20%
STRONGLY DISAGREE.....4%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED....18% |
| 15. | Given what you know about school funding, do you think school district funding is likely to get worse, get better, or stay about the same during the next few years. | GET WORSE.....44%
GET BETTER.....11%
STAY ABOUT THE SAME...35%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED....10% |

The Wayzata School District Community Education Department offers a wide range of services. The services include adult enrichment classes on topics of interest, basic education classes for adults seeking a high school diploma, early childhood and family education, and before- and after-school care for students.

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| 16. | During the past year, have you or any members of your household used any of the community services programs offered by the School District? | YES.....24%
NO.....76%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED....0% |
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IF "NO," ASK:

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| 17. | Have you or any members of your household used any of the community education programs offered by the School District anytime in the past? | YES.....34%
NO.....66%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED....0% |
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Changing topics....

Let' shift the conversation to talk about the management of our local schools.

18. Would you say that you follow the work of the School Board and Administration in the Wayzata Public School District -- very closely, somewhat closely, not very closely or do you really not follow their work at all?

VERY CLOSELY.....	9%
SOMEWHAT CLOSELY.....	37%
NOT VERY CLOSELY.....	31%
NOT AT ALL.....	23%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....	1%

19. Overall, how would you rate the job performance of the Wayzata School Board -- excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

EXCELLENT.....	9%
GOOD.....	43%
ONLY FAIR.....	14%
POOR.....	3%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED....	33%

IF A RATING IS GIVEN, ASK:

20. Could you give me one or two reasons why you feel this way?

GOOD JOB, 34%; GOOD COMMUNICATION, 13%; GOOD SPENDING, 19%; POOR JOB, 2%; POOR SPENDING, 22%; NEED TO IMPROVE, 6%; SCATTERED, 4%.

21. How would you rate the performance of the District's Administration, including the Superintendent -- excellent, good, only fair or poor?

EXCELLENT.....	5%
GOOD.....	47%
ONLY FAIR.....	16%
POOR.....	2%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED....	31%

22. And, how would you rate the performance of the teachers and instructional staff in the Wayzata Public Schools -- excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

EXCELLENT.....	31%
GOOD.....	50%
ONLY FAIR.....	2%
POOR.....	0%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED....	18%

Moving on....

23. In comparison with neighboring districts, do you consider total property taxes in your community to be very high, somewhat high, about average, somewhat low, or very low?

VERY HIGH.....	14%
SOMEWHAT HIGH.....	40%
ABOUT AVERAGE.....	31%
SOMEWHAT LOW.....	1%
VERY LOW.....	0%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED....	14%

24. In comparison with other neighboring school districts, do you think that school taxes in the Wayzata Public School District are very high, somewhat high, about average, somewhat low, or very low?	VERY HIGH.....10% SOMEWHAT HIGH.....37% ABOUT AVERAGE.....32% SOMEWHAT LOW.....1% VERY LOW.....0% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED....20%
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Changing topics....

25. Which of the following three statements best describes your feelings:	STATEMENT A.....22% STATEMENT B.....48% STATEMENT C.....24% NONE OF ABOVE.....3% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....3%
A. I would vote against almost any tax increases for the schools;	
B. I would vote for a tax increase under some conditions, but against it under other conditions;	
C. I would vote for almost any tax increases for the schools.	

This year, the Wayzata Public School Board is considering placing an operating levy question on the ballot in November. Let's discuss a number of options facing the School District....

This November, the School District could ask voters to revoke and renew existing levies due to expire in 2012, 2014, or 2016 and combine them into a single operating levy for ten years, including provisions for inflationary increases.

First, let's consider a request to renew the levy amount expiring after the 2011-2012 school year. This replacement levy would provide \$840.00 per pupil unit, or 9.4 million dollars per year for ten years. If successful, property owners would see no property tax increase as a result of the referendum. This would be a renewal of funding residents have already approved and the District is currently using. If unsuccessful, the School District would be forced to make significant cuts impacting programs, staff, and class sizes.

26. If the election were today, would you support or oppose this operating levy renewal? (WAIT FOR RESPONSE) Do you feel strongly that way?	STRONGLY SUPPORT.....16% SUPPORT.....64% OPPOSE.....8% STRONGLY OPPOSE.....8% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....5%
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IF "OPPOSE" OR "STRONGLY OPPOSE," ASK:

27. Could you tell me one or two reasons why you feel that way?

UNSURE, 2%; TOO MUCH MONEY, 6%; NO NEED, 30%; TAXES COULD DECREASE IF NOT RENEWED, 29%; TEN YEARS IS TOO LONG, 10%; POOR DISTRICT SPENDING, 18%; NO CHILDREN IN DISTRICT, 6%.

Now, let's consider a request to renew the levy expiring after the 2011-2012 school year and the revocation and renewal of the levy expiring after the 2013-2014 school year. This replacement levy would provide \$980.00 per pupil unit, or 11.0 million dollars per year for ten years. If successful, property owners would see no property tax increase as a result of the referendum. This would be a renewal of funding residents have already approved and the District is currently using.

28. If the election were today, would you support or oppose this operating levy renewal? (WAIT FOR RESPONSE) Do you feel strongly that way?	STRONGLY SUPPORT.....14%
	SUPPORT.....62%
	OPPOSE.....9%
	STRONGLY OPPOSE.....8%
	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....8%

IF "OPPOSE" OR "STRONGLY OPPOSE," ASK:

29. Could you tell me one or two reasons why you feel that way?

UNSURE, 2%; TOO MUCH MONEY, 6%; NO NEED, 34%; TAXES COULD DECREASE IF NOT RENEWED, 20%; TEN YEARS IS TOO LONG, 15%; POOR DISTRICT SPENDING, 19%; NO CHILDREN IN DISTRICT, 5%.

Now, let's consider a request to renew the levy expiring after the 2011-2012 school year and the revocation and renewal of the levies expiring after the 2013-2014 and 2015-2016 school years. This replacement levy would provide about \$1,610.00 per pupil unit, or 18 million dollars per year for ten years. This would be a renewal of funding residents have already approved and the District is currently using.

If successful, property owners would see no or a minimal property tax increase as a result of the referendum. The School District would then have a stable revenue base for planning and focusing on key directions during the next ten years.

30. If the election were today, would you support or oppose this operating levy renewal? (WAIT FOR RESPONSE) Do you feel strongly that way?

STRONGLY SUPPORT.....	13%
SUPPORT.....	56%
OPPOSE.....	11%
STRONGLY OPPOSE.....	10%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED....	10%

IF "OPPOSE" OR "STRONGLY OPPOSE," ASK:

31. Could you tell me one or two reasons why you feel that way?

UNSURE, 2%; TOO MUCH MONEY, 23%; NO NEED, 19%; TAXES COULD DECREASE IF NOT RENEWED, 33%; TEN YEARS IS TOO LONG, 7%; POOR DISTRICT SPENDING, 13%; NO CHILDREN IN DISTRICT, 2%.

Currently, the amount the Wayzata School District may raise through operating levies is "capped." That means the School District may not seek further new revenue from residents and can only raise funds to offset increases in inflation. Each year the State Legislature sets that amount.

32. Prior to this survey, were you aware the Wayzata School District was "capped?"

AWARE.....	53%
UNAWARE.....	46%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....	1%

There has been discussion in the State Legislature this session to lift the cap and allow districts to raise more funds through local referendums. If the Wayzata Public Schools could raise new funds, they would be used to provide financial stability and avoid future budget reductions.

33. How much would you be willing to pay in additional property taxes in order to fund this operating levy proposal? [SELECT RANDOM STARTING POINT; MOVE UP OR DOWN DEPENDING ON ANSWER] How about _____? [REPEAT]

NOTHING.....	33%
\$10 A MONTH.....	17%
\$20 A MONTH.....	16%
\$30 A MONTH.....	5%
\$40 A MONTH.....	1%
\$50 A MONTH.....	1%
\$60 A MONTH.....	1%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED....	27%

Suppose the State Legislature lifts the cap and allow districts to raise more funds through local referendums and the Wayzata School District proposed an operating levy that would provide \$100.00 per pupil unit, or 1.1 million dollars per year for ten years. These funds would be used to stabilize the district's budget due to decreased state funding and to avoid future budget reductions.

If successful, the owner of a \$200,000 home would see a monthly property tax increase of about \$1.65 per month, or about \$20.00 per year, while the owner of a \$400,000 home would have a monthly increase of about \$3.30 per month, or about \$40.00 per year.

34. If the election were today, would you support or oppose this operating levy? (WAIT FOR RESPONSE) Do you feel strongly that way?
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| STRONGLY SUPPORT..... | 8% |
| SUPPORT..... | 53% |
| OPPOSE..... | 19% |
| STRONGLY OPPOSE..... | 14% |
| DON'T KNOW/REFUSED..... | 7% |

Now, suppose the Wayzata School District proposed an operating levy that would provide \$300.00 per pupil unit, or 3.2 million dollars per year for ten years. These funds would be used to stabilize the district's budget due to decreased state funding, to avoid future budget reductions and potential new or enhanced programs.

If successful, the owner of a \$200,000 home would see a monthly property tax increase of about \$5.00, or about \$60.00 per year, while the owner of a \$400,000 home would have a monthly increase of about \$10.00, or about \$120.00 per year.

35. If the election were today, would you support or oppose this operating levy? (WAIT FOR RESPONSE) Do you feel strongly that way?
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| STRONGLY SUPPORT..... | 6% |
| SUPPORT..... | 41% |
| OPPOSE..... | 26% |
| STRONGLY OPPOSE..... | 17% |
| DON'T KNOW/REFUSED..... | 10% |

Moving on....

36. How important do you think the ability to use computers and other technology effectively and efficiently is for today's students -- absolutely essential, very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?
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| ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL.. | 46% |
| VERY IMPORTANT..... | 42% |
| SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT.... | 12% |
| NOT TOO IMPORTANT..... | 1% |
| NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT... | 0% |
| DON'T KNOW/REFUSED..... | 1% |

37. From what you have heard or seen, how would you rate the technology opportunities available for students in the Wayzata Public Schools -- excellent, good, only fair, or poor?
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| EXCELLENT..... | 17% |
| GOOD..... | 58% |
| ONLY FAIR..... | 2% |
| POOR..... | 0% |
| DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.... | 24% |

The School District currently has a technology levy that provides about 4.5 million dollars per year for technology implementation and support. The levy will expire after the 2015-2016 school year. When the district conducts the election to renew the operating levy, it could also ask to revoke the current technology levy and renew it for another ten years. This levy would be renewed at its current tax rate so there would be no increase in local property taxes.

38. If the election were today, would you support or oppose a renewal of the current technology levies requiring no property tax increase? (WAIT FOR RESPONSE) Do you feel strongly that way?

STRONGLY SUPPORT.....	21%
SUPPORT.....	54%
OPPOSE.....	10%
STRONGLY OPPOSE.....	4%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED....	12%

IF A POSITION IS GIVEN (#1-#4), ASK:

39. Could you tell me one or two reasons for your decision?

UNSURE, 1%; NEEDED, 16%; EDUCATION IS IMPORTANT, 4%; TECHNOLOGY IS ESSENTIAL, 45%; NO COST, 14%; NO NEED, 7%; TAXES COULD DECREASE IF NOT RENEWED, 10%; POOR DISTRICT SPENDING, 4%.

Suppose the Wayzata Public Schools placed two proposals on the ballot: revoking and renewing existing operating levies for an additional ten years and revoking and renewing the existing technology levy for an additional ten years.

40. Suppose the election were today, which of the following best describes your vote:

OPTION A.....	62%
OPTION B.....	5%
OPTION C.....	9%
OPTION D.....	17%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED....	8%

A) I would support both proposals;
 B) I would support the operating levy, but not the technology levy;
 C) I would support the technology levy, but not the operating levy; OR
 D) I would oppose both proposals?

41. Are there any improvements or upgrades needed at School District buildings or facilities? (IF "YES," ASK:) What would those be?

UNSURE, 21%; NO, 76%; SCATTERED (MORE LIBRARY BOOKS/BETTER MAINTENANCE/MORE CLASS ROOMS/UPDATED ATHLETIC FACILITIES/MORE ARTS AREAS), 3%.

Now, just a few more questions for demographic purposes....

42. Which of the following ranges contains your age? Please stop me when I reach the correct one.	18-34.....11%
	35-44.....25%
	45-54.....27%
	55-64.....20%
	65 AND OVER.....18%
	REFUSED.....0%

43. What is the highest level of formal education you completed?	LESS THAN HS GRAD.....0%
	HIGH SCHOOL GRAD.....9%
	VO-TECH SCH/TCH COLL...7%
	SOME COLLEGE.....17%
	COLLEGE GRADUATE.....47%
	POST-GRADUATE.....20%
	REFUSED.....2%

44. Are there pre-schoolers in this household?	YES.....12%
	NO.....88%
	REFUSED.....0%

45. Are there school-aged children in this household? (IF "YES," ASK:) Do they attend public schools in this district, public schools in another district, parochial or private schools, charter schools, or home school?	YES/WAYZATA SD.....27%
	YES/OTHER PUBLIC.....1%
	YES/PAROCHIAL-PRIVATE..4%
	YES/CHARTER SCHOOLS...1%
	YES/HOME SCHOOL.....1%
	COMBINATION (VOL).....2%
	NO.....66%
	REFUSED.....0%

IF "NO," ASK:

46. Have you ever had children in the Wayzata Public Schools?	YES.....51%
	NO.....49%
	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0%

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| 47. | Do you own or rent your present residence? (IF "OWN," ASK:) Which of the following categories contains the approximate value of your residential property -- under \$250,000, \$250,000-\$450,000, \$450,000-\$650,000, \$650,000-\$850,000, or over \$850,000? | RENT.....11%
OWN/UNDER \$250,000.....9%
OWN/\$250K-\$450K.....43%
OWN/\$450K-\$650K.....19%
OWN/\$650K-\$850K.....7%
OWN/OVER \$850,000.....3%
OWN/UNSURE.....6%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....3% |
| 48. | Do any of your children, if applicable, participate on organized sports teams? | YES.....25%
NO.....67%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....8% |
| 49. | Do you consider yourself a member of the "investor class?" | YES.....37%
NO.....60%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....4% |

As you may know, there are many types of elections. Some years we have Presidential elections, other years Gubernatorial elections. In odd years, we have some local and school district elections.

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| 50. | On a scale of one to ten, where "one" means "not at all likely" and "ten" means absolutely certain, how likely are you to vote in the upcoming November local election? | DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....3%
ONE.....2%
TWO.....1%
THREE.....0%
FOUR.....1%
FIVE.....3%
SIX.....4%
SEVEN.....5%
EIGHT.....11%
NINE.....5%
TEN.....66% |
| 51. | Do you recall voting in the 2006 Gubernatorial election? | YES.....93%
NO.....5%
DON'T RECALL.....1%
REFUSED.....2% |

Thinking about last year's November election....

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| 52. | For President, did you vote for John McCain, Republican, Barack Obama, Democrat, someone else, or did you not vote for that office? | JOHN MCCAIN.....31%
BARACK OBAMA.....43%
SOMEONE ELSE.....1%
DID NOT VOTE.....1%
REFUSED.....24% |
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53.	For United State Senate, did you vote for Norm Coleman, Republican, Al Franken, DFL, Dean Barkley, Independence Party, someone else, or did you not vote for that office?	NORM COLEMAN.....29% AL FRANKEN.....37% DEAN BARKLEY.....7% SOMEONE ELSE.....0% DID NOT VOTE.....2% REFUSED.....26%
54.	Finally, thinking about your household finances, how would you describe your financial situation, would you say that -- A) Your monthly expenses are exceeding your income; B) You are meeting your monthly expenses but are putting aside little or no savings; C) You are managing comfortably while putting some money aside; D) Managing very well?	STATEMENT A.....2% STATEMENT B.....30% STATEMENT C.....40% STATEMENT D.....21% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....7%
55.	When do you expect the current economic problems nationally to end -- during the next six months, within the next year, within the next year and a half, within the next two years, or over two years from now?	NEXT SIX MONTHS.....1% NEXT YEAR.....19% NEXT YEAR & HALF.....22% NEXT TWO YEARS.....23% OVER TWO YEARS.....32% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....4%
56.	Gender (BY OBSERVATION)	MALE.....49% FEMALE.....51%
57.	Region of School District.	WAYZATA/ORONO.....9% EAST PLYMOUTH.....39% WEST PLYMOUTH.....42% MINNETONKA.....10%

**THIRD ENGROSSMENT OF
JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT
FOR THE
WEST METRO EDUCATION PROGRAM (WMEP)
JOINT POWERS SCHOOL DISTRICT, #6069**

This Third Engrossment of the November 28, 2001 First Engrossment Joint Powers Agreement, and subsequent amendments thereto, is entered into on the ____ day of _____, 2009, by and between the following School Districts: Special School District No. 1, (also known as Minneapolis Public Schools), Independent School District No. 273, (also known as Edina Public Schools), Independent School District No. 270, (also known as Hopkins Public Schools), Independent School District No. 281, (also known as Robbinsdale Area Schools), Independent School District No. 286, (also known as Brooklyn Center Public Schools), Independent School District No. 280, (also known as Richfield Public Schools), Independent School District No. 282, (also known as St. Anthony/New Brighton Public Schools), Independent School District No. 283, (also known as St. Louis Park Public Schools), Independent School District No. 13, (also known as Columbia Heights Public Schools), Independent School District No. 284, (also known as Wayzata Public Schools) and Independent School District No. 272 (also known as Eden Prairie Public Schools) hereinafter referred to collectively as “the Members” and individually as “Member.”

This Engrossment reflects the codified and legally effective terms of the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement as of the date hereof.

WITNESSETH THAT:

WHEREAS, the members are organized for the purpose of providing public school education for persons within their geographical boundaries, and

WHEREAS, each of the members is interested in cooperating with other members in acquiring lands and buildings, organizing, establishing, financing, maintaining and operating jointly one or more cooperative Interdistrict Education Program(s), including Interdistrict Downtown School and Fine Arts Interdisciplinary Resource School, (hereinafter “magnet schools”) upon a site or sites to be selected, and

WHEREAS, the members are eligible to organize a Joint Board of school districts pursuant Minnesota Statutes Section 471.59 and other applicable statutes for such purposes,

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises herein contained, the Members do hereby agree as follows:

I. NAME

The name of the Joint Board of School Districts hereby established shall be the West Metro Education Program, Joint Powers School District No. 6069 (hereinafter referred to as “WMEP”).

II. PURPOSE

A. The purpose of this Agreement is to establish a governing organization through which the Members shall, consistent with the mission established by the Joint Powers Board, govern and manage the construction and/or operation of joint use educational facilities, programs and services to benefit learners of the Member Districts and foster voluntary, interdistrict integration among WMEP school districts by providing opportunities for students, families and staff from diverse backgrounds to learn from and with each other.

III. JOINT POWERS BOARD

A. WMEP shall be governed by a Board with each participating Member District appointing one local board representative to serve a one year term. Each participating Member shall have voting privileges. A quorum shall be defined for the purpose of transacting business as a simple majority of members of the Board

B. One WMEP member district superintendent, selected by a majority of member district superintendents, shall serve as a non-voting observer/advisor of the WMEP Joint Powers Board. The Superintendent Observer/Advisor shall serve a one-year term beginning in January of each year.

IV. POWERS AND DUTIES OF BOARD

A. The Board shall have the authority to exercise any power and take any action which any or each of the Members are by law authorized to exercise in implementing the purpose of part II-A. The Board shall have the authority to function as an entity separate and apart from any of the Members and generally to act for the Members in furtherance of their joint interests and intentions here under. The Board, however, may exercise short-term borrowing powers of school districts under Minnesota law only if the exercise of such powers is approved in advance in writing by all Member Districts. The Board shall not have the power to issue bonds.

B. At the Annual meeting, the Board shall elect an Executive Committee, which shall include, but not be limited to, a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. The Executive Committee shall be convened by the Board Chair and conduct the business of the Board between meetings.

C. The Board shall take such action as it deems necessary and proper to accomplish the purposes of WMEP, or any other action necessary and incidental to the implementation of said purpose or action. Any of the stated activities may be accomplished by entering into contracts, leases or agreements with a Member District or others, whenever the Board shall deem such action to be advisable.

D. The Board may solicit and accept gifts, apply for and use grants of money or other property from the state or any other type of organization, and may enter into agreements required in connection therewith, to further the stated purpose of WMEP.

E. The Board shall adopt policies, regulations and an annual budget for the conduct of WMEP, and shall otherwise manage, supervise and control all activities of WMEP commensurate with the Members' legal obligations.

F. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 466.07, and other applicable laws, no Member shall have individual liability for the debts and obligations of the Board. To the extent permitted by law, WMEP shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless each Trustee and Officer from and against any claim, demand or cause of action to which such Director or Officer may be made a party by reason of being connected with this enterprise. The Board may purchase and maintain insurance therefore.

V. ADDITION/DELETION OF MEMBERS

A. Any Member may withdraw from the WMEP Board and cause representatives to cease to function in such capacity upon written notice given to the chair of the WMEP Board, such notice to be accompanied by a certified copy of an appropriate resolution of the individual Member's School Board, authorizing and directing such withdrawal from the WMEP Board. Any such withdrawal resolution shall be given on or before February 1 of a given school year, and shall be effective on June 30 of the school year immediately following the school year in which the notice was given. Any member district submitting a resolution to withdraw shall maintain full obligations of WMEP membership until the final effective date of the withdrawal. Such withdrawal shall not affect any Member liability for indebtedness of the WMEP Board to that date

B. Other Independent School Districts, not signatory hereto, may become Members of the WMEP Board hereafter upon fulfilling the requirements set forth in the process for new member application, as adopted by the WMEP Joint Powers Board. The Board shall periodically review the membership process and make amendments as necessary by a majority vote.

VI. AMENDMENTS

This Agreement may be amended by an instrument executed by the parties hereto. The proposed amendment shall be recommended by the Executive Committee and notice of the proposed amendment and copies thereof shall be sent to each Member of the WMEP Board not less than thirty (30) days before the proposed effective date of such amendment. The proposed amendment shall not become effective until it has been executed by all Members.

VII. DISSOLUTION

A.. The WMEP Board shall continue in existence until two-thirds of its members vote for dissolution at an Annual meeting or special meeting called for the purpose of considering dissolution. The dissolution shall not become effective until it has been ratified by at least two-thirds of the local boards of all Member Districts.

B. Upon dissolution of the Board, all of its property remaining after payment or reservation for debts and liabilities shall be divided among all school districts which have been Members of the WMEP Board, or among the Members of the WMEP Board at the time of such dissolution, as a majority of the Members may determine at their discretion.

VIII. FINANCE

A. Resident pupils of each Member District who are educated at WMEP's Magnet Schools shall be counted as resident pupils of their Resident District in the calculation of pupil units for all state aid and levy purposes. The Resident District of the pupils attending WMEP's Magnet Schools shall not be deemed to have changed by reason of their attendance at the Magnet Schools.

B. The WMEP Board shall annually establish a tuition rate for students attending WMEP Magnet Schools. Member districts shall transmit to WMEP funds necessary to satisfy the tuition rate.

C. Payments to meet the cash flow needs of the Magnet Schools as identified in this article shall be transmitted by Member School Districts to the WMEP district office according to a schedule established by the WMEP board, commencing on July 1 of each fiscal year.

D. The fiscal year of WMEP shall be from July 1 though June 30.

E. It is the expectation of Member School Districts that the WMEP Magnet Schools' operational costs will be financed by a variety of resources, including but not limited to, tuition payments, integration funds, and state and federal grants . The Board shall not have the power to assess a Member School District without the written agreement of the Member School District.

IX. TRANSPORTATION

A. Each Member District shall be responsible for providing necessary transportation of its resident students to WMEP Magnet Schools.

B. The parties to this Agreement may agree among themselves to a cooperative transportation system, and may agree to a system of cost sharing. Such agreements shall be memorialized in writing, signed by the affected Member Districts.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this instrument to be executed on the date appearing herein below.

Independent School District No. 273 (Edina Public Schools)

Superintendent

Board Representative

Independent School District No. 270 (Hopkins Public Schools)

Superintendent

Board Representative

Independent School District No. 281 (Robbinsdale Public Schools)

Superintendent

Board Representative

Independent School District No. 286 (Brooklyn Center Public Schools)

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Superintendent

Board Representative

Independent School District No. 280 (Richfield Public Schools)

Superintendent

Board Representative

Independent School District No. 282 (St. Anthony/New Brighton Public Schools)

Superintendent

Board Representative

Independent School District No. 283 (St. Louis Park Public Schools)

Superintendent

Board Representative

Independent School District No. 13 (Columbia Heights Public Schools)

Superintendent

Board Representative

Special School District No. 1 (Minneapolis Public Schools)

Superintendent

Board Representative

Independent School District No. 284 (Wayzata Public Schools)

Superintendent

Board Representative

Independent School District No. 272 (Eden Prairie Public Schools)

Superintendent

Board Representative

Approved by Joint Powers Board:

Ratification process completed and effective date: _____

Memo

To: Board of Education
Superintendent Anderson

From: Leslie Myrin, HR Manager
Annie Doughty, Executive Director of Human Resource Services
Jim Westrum, Executive Director of Finance

Date: 4/22/09

Re: Preliminary Health Insurance Rates

The District 284 Insurance Committee met on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 to finalize their recommendation to the Board. At the May 11th Board meeting, it will be recommended to increase the premium rates by 4.5%. While our 2008-09 claims/member/month have been running at a very low percent, the committee is recommending the increase for the purpose of building our reserves. Having a positive reserve balance will assist us with future years.

We would like to thank the Insurance Committee members. Their recommendations reflect thoughtful consideration.

WAYZATA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Independent School District 284
Wayzata, Minnesota

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting - May 11, 2009 - 7:00 PM
Wayzata City Hall, 600 Rice Street, Wayzata

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS
Consent Agenda items are considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Board member or citizen so requests, in which event the item will be removed as a Consent Agenda item and addressed. Consent Agenda Items are as follows:
 - A. Approval of Minutes
 1. Regular Meeting - April 13, 2009
 - B. Resolution for Membership in the Minnesota State High School League for 2009-2010
 - C. Approval of Recommended Changes to the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement for the West Metro Education Program (WMEP)
 - D. Finance and Business Recommendations
 - E. Human Resource Recommendations
 - F. Supplemental Salaries for 2009-2010
3. STUDENT CURRICULUM PRESENTATION
4. RECOGNITIONS
 - A. May Employee of the Month - Birchview Elementary - Nancy Stewart
 - B. Wayzata Public Schools 2009 Retirees
 - C. Elementary Student Recognition - 7:10 P.M.
 1. Destination ImagiNation (DI)
 2. Knowledge Master Open (KMO)
 3. Continental Math League (CML)
 - D. INTERMISSION - A Moment In Time (taped performance)
 - E. Middle School Student Recognition - 7:35 P.M.
 1. Continental Math League (CML)
 2. Future Problem Solvers
 3. Spelling Bee
 4. Midwest Academic Talent Search
 5. AMC 8
 6. Anacrusis Honors Choir
 - F. INTERMISSION - A Moment in Time (taped performance)
 - G. High School Student Recognition - 8:05 P.M.
 1. Destination ImagiNation (DI)
 2. Knowledge Master Open (KMO)
 3. WHS Math Team
 4. Chemistry Olympiad
 5. Science Olympiad
 6. Athena Award
 7. National Merit Scholars
 8. Brain Bee Championship
 9. Future Problem Solvers (FPS)
 10. Quiz Bowl
 11. SkillsUSA
 12. Business Professionals of America (BPA)
 13. DECA
 14. Hennepin Theater Trust Spotlight Award
 15. State/National Spanish Contest
 16. State/National French Contest
5. RECESS - 10 minutes

6. **REPORTS FROM ORGANIZATIONS**
This section of the agenda provides the opportunity for parent, teacher, and/or student associations/organizations to provide the School Board with reports/updates.
 - A. Student Council - Lauren Wilvers

7. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**
 - A. Superintendent
 - B. Curriculum and Instruction
 - C. Finance and Business Services
 1. Monthly Financial Reports
 - D. Human Resource Services
 1. Authorization of Health and Hospitalization Insurance Rates for 2009-2010
 2. Resolution Regarding Termination and Non-Renewal of Teaching Contracts

8. **OTHER BOARD ACTION**

9. **AUDIENCE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS SCHOOL BOARD**
This section of the agenda provides an opportunity for those who have called and placed their names on the list and for members of the audience to address the School Board.

10. **BOARD REPORTS**
 - A. Empty Bowls - May 21, 2009 - Pat Gleason

11. **NEW BUSINESS**

12. **ADJOURN**

WAYZATA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Independent School District 284
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BOARD OF EDUCATION

Work Session – April 27, 2009

AGENDA SECTION: 8. **ADJOURN**

ITEM: _____

COMMENTS BY: Board Chair Moroz

If there is no additional business before the School Board, the Chair will adjourn the meeting.